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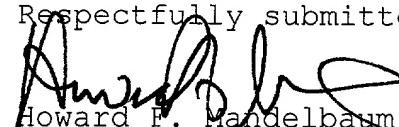
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- French language patent application having 70 pages of specification, including 60 claims, and 8 sheets of informal drawings

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